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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH KOREAN FOREIGN
MINISTER KIM YONG-SIK

1. FONMIN OPENED BY CONGRATULATING SECRETARY ON HIS
APPOINTMENT AND ON STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS OF HIS "GREAT"
UNGA STATEMENT. SECRETARY SAID IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO
BE STRAIGHTFORWARD; NOTED THIS WAS ALSO A KOREAN TRAIT.

2. FONMIN THEN LAUNCHED INTO DISCUSSION OF PRO-ROK
RESOLUTION. SINCE IT REPRESENTED A GUIDING PRINCIPLE
FOR PEACE AND SECURITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA, HE HAD THOUGHT
IT WOULD RECEIVE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT IN ASSEMBLY.
HOWEVER, OTHER SIDE HAD WORKED VERY HARD, AND WE MUST
CONTINUE TO DO SAME IF OUR VIEWS WERE TO PREVAIL. PRESENT
MARGIN WAS SMALL.

3. FONMIN HOPED THAT WHEN SECRETARY VISITED PEKING HE
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WOULD ASSURE THE CHINESE THAT OUR UNGA RESOLUTION WOULD
NOT HARM THEIR INTERESTS. SECRETARY SAID TIME FOR HIS
TRIP WAS NOT YET FIXED; IT WOULD BE NOT LATER THAN LAST

HALF OF OCTOBER. ADDED WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ROK APPROACH.

SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD TALK TO THE CHINESE, BUT HE DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD CHANGE THEIR POSITION, THOUGH WE MIGHT HAVE SOME INFLUENCE ON INTENSITY WITH WHICH THEY PRESSED IT. HE WOULD PURSUE MATTER WITH CHINESE IN NEW YORK AS WELL AS IN PEKING, AND WITH GROMYKO IN WASHINGTON.

4. FONMIN ASKED WHAT SUGGESTIONS SECRETARY MIGHT HAVE WITH REGARD TO ROK NATIONAL POLICY. SECRETARY SAID ROK WAS ON RIGHT COURSE. IT SHOULD STICK TO ITS POSITION AND NOT GET RATTLED BY OPPOSITION OF OTHER SIDE. JUNE 23 STATEMENT WAS STATESMANLIKE.

5. RESPONDING TO FONMIN'S REQUEST, SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD STOP IN SEOUL ON HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP, IF HE COULD. IF NOT, HE WOULD VISIT SEOUL ON HIS NEXT TRIP TO EAST ASIA.

6. FONMIN SAID HE HAD FAITH THAT ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WOULD BE CARRIED OUT, THOUGH HE WAS AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES IN CONGRESS. SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD DO OUR UTMOST. CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT AS EVIDENCED IN CURRENT SENATE ACTION ON MANSFIELD AMENDMENT PRESENTED REAL PROBLEM, BUT ROK SHOULD HAVE PATIENCE. KISSINGER

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